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**CLOCK STILL TICKING FOR HOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**  
***TSAC URGES STUDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY***

Nashville, Tenn. — There's still time to apply for the HOPE Scholarship and other Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) Program awards. The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) is encouraging eligible students to apply as soon as possible.

Dr. Myron Oglesby-Pitts, director of TELS, said, "We want anyone headed to an eligible Tennessee school to benefit from HOPE and the other awards. Even though the May 1 priority date has passed, applications processed after that date will be considered in the order they are processed, and eligible students will continue to receive awards as long as funds are available."

HOPE scholars must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average or score at least 19 on the ACT. Scholars are eligible for assistance of up to \$3,000 annually, or \$4,000 if they meet standards of academic achievement or financial need.

To apply for HOPE, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The online form takes up to two weeks to process and is available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

As of today, more than 31,000 students have been awarded TELS scholarships, worth \$80.8 million. These awards include the HOPE Scholarship, the General Assembly Merit Scholarship, the Need-based Supplemental Award, the HOPE Access Grant and the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant.

For more information about Tennessee Scholar Dollars, the HOPE Scholarship and other TELS awards, visit [www.TNScholarDollars.com](http://www.TNScholarDollars.com), or call the HOPE Hotline at (615) 741-1346 or (800) 342-1663.

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